

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 23, 2004 – 6:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Rick Osbon
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Councilman Singer made a motion to amend the agenda by moving Consent Item 2 to New Business Item 1. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- b. The motion to amend the agenda passed by unanimous vote.

(D) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Status of Aiken County Health Department Facilities
(Dr. Glenn Nichols, DHEC)

- a. Dr. Nichols made a presentation about better health care and the need for better facilities in Aiken County. The numerous services provided by the Department of Health and Environmental Control annually to Aiken County citizens were reviewed.

Dr. Nichols discussed the need for additional space to provide proper and confidential services to clients. He stated that a new facility to meet the public health and environmental needs would be best situated in the Langley area because it is the geographic center between Aiken and North Augusta. The new facility would cost an estimated \$3.6 million dollars.

(E) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint Six Persons to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion to appoint the following citizens to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission:
 1. Mr. Everett Chandler County Representative
 2. Mr. Charles Taylor County Representative
 3. Dr. Lawrence Brede County Representative
 4. Dr. John Bigger, Jr. City of North Augusta Representative
 5. Mr. Al Brodie Small Town Representative
 - b. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded the nominations.
 - c. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote. Council asked that staff get the Commission started. Council agreed that if the City of Aiken did appoint a representative before Council's next scheduled meeting, that person could start attending the Commission meetings but not have voting power until the appointment was approved by Council.
2. Discussion of Selection of Consultant to Assist in Preparation of Aiken County Strategic Plan.
 - a. Mr. Killian discussed the staff committee's review and evaluation of the proposals. The staff committee, based on individual evaluations, selected the following three companies to interview:
 1. ACP Visioning and Planning
 2. Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
 3. The Palmetto Conservation Foundation

The staff committee recommended the firm "ACP Visioning and Planning". Mr. Killian added that price was not a consideration during the evaluation and selection of the firms since the preliminary prices had yet to be opened. Once a firm has been selected by Council, the price quote from that firm will be opened and that figure will be the starting point for contract negotiations.
 - b. Following discussion, Council asked that staff arrange interviews with the three firms and schedule a Special Council Meeting.
3. Discussion of Request from Mr. Andrew Blocker for Sponsorship for the Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program.
 - a. Mr. Killian reported that Mr. Blocker's business credentials were in order.

- b. Mr. Bell stated that he had spoken with the General Counsel's Office about Mr. Blocker giving the County the funds to submit for a grant match. That office advised that on a broad scope, that arrangement was probably okay. However, Mr. Bell added that he would need to provide the General Counsel's Office with specific project details before a definite decision could be rendered.
- c. Following discussion Councilman Butler made a Voice Motion to authorize Aiken County to submit the grant match money for Mr. Andrew Blocker for sponsorship of the Medicaid Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program with the following contingencies:
 - 1. That Aiken County has clearance from the County Attorney, Mr. Bell.
 - 2. That Aiken County has the matching funds of \$15,000.
 - 3. That an appropriate agreement between Mr. Blocker and Aiken County covering those contingencies be drafted and executed.
- d. Councilman Singer seconded the Voice Motion.
- e. The Voice Motion passed by unanimous vote with Chairman Young abstaining.

(F) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Proposed Resolution to Recommend an Alignment of the South Aiken – Whiskey Road Connector to be Included in the ARTS Long Range Plan Update.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
 - b. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

(G) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Proposed Resolution to Commend Citizen Members of the Whiskey Road – Silver Bluff Connector Road Committee.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilman Singer made a motion for approval. Councilman Osbon seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.
 - c. Following praise for and by the Connector Road Committee members, Councilman Hightower made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Osbon seconded.
 - d. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:35 P.M.

(H) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Matters:

(I) ADJOURNMENT – 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman